

# Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

## Ephesians 2:1-22 Alive in Christ

### Warm up question:

- Have you ever had a near death experience? How did it make you feel?

### Read Ephesians 2:1-10

1. What problem does Paul make clear at the start of this chapter?
2. Paul describes those who follow the ways of the world as “Disobedient”. Why do you think Paul uses this word? Who are they disobeying?
3. What reasons does Paul give for “Being deserving of wrath”? (vs. 3)
4. What is the good news in verses 4-5?
5. What do you think Paul means in verse 6? What is its significance?
6. How would you explain verses 8-10 to someone who wanted to know if God wants us to do good works and what value they hold?
7. What problem does Paul make clear in verses 11-12?
8. What is the good news in verse 13?
9. Paul repeatedly uses the word “Peace”. What are the different ways he uses this word?
10. How would you explain verses 19-22 to someone who wanted to know why we say that the church is the people – not the building?
11. What is your overall feeling of this passage? How would you sum it up?

### Rubber hits the road:

- How does this passage challenge the way you view a life without Christ, versus a life with Christ?
- Spend some time thinking about what it means for you to be God's handiwork – alive in Christ.

### PRAYER

*Merciful God, without you we are truly lost and broken. We are without hope, separated from you, and dead in our transgressions. We acknowledge that we have done nothing to deserve your loving-kindness, generous mercy, and abundant grace – but still you have offered it to us freely as the greatest gift the world has ever seen. We come to you in faith, trusting that you are the only one who saves. And in response to your mercy and grace, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice. And we ask that you might open our eyes to the good works in front of us, that as we do them, they might glorify you. Amen.*

